

March 16, 1976

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'll have to support Senator Stull's amendment because of one particular thing, that's that we need the predator control in Western Nebraska for coyotes. I have, in my record, letters from people around the Wauneta, Imperial area who were able to benefit from the predator control. It needs to be funded. I cannot see how they can take away from that fund to experiment with the problem with the gophers. Consequently, I have to support Senator Stull's motion because of the importance of the coyote predator control in Western Nebraska. It is a problem, it needs to be funded.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull, would you care to close debate on this matter.

SENATOR STULL: Yes. The day that we invited Senators Carsten, Clark and Lewis and Kime out there we had representatives from the Nebraska Stock Growers Association, Soil Conservation Service, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, U.S. Forest Service, Upper Niobrara Natural Resource District, Nebraska Public Power District and Chadron Chamber of Commerce were all there. When I read about the Nebraska Power District, they had buried cable and these gophers actually get down and they eat through this cable. Of course, when that happens why they have to tear up a lot of cable before they really can determine where they've ate through the insulation and into the line. So they are doing a tremendous amount of damage out there. I would certainly hope that you would support this amendment and adopt it.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Stull's amendment. Record your vote. Have you all voted?

SENATOR STULL: I'm going to have to ask for a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: Maybe your statement to that effect might have gotten some votes. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 11 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, a message on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the message.

CLERK: Read message from Governor, dated March 16, 1967, regarding LB 652 found on page 1150 of the Journal.

Mr. President, Senator Mills asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 684.

Senator Cavanaugh and Marvel ask unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 690.